

Left Reverse

Objectives – By the end of the lesson you will be able to safely reverse the vehicle into a limited opening on the left. You will do this under full control with due regard to other road users and the law.

Recap – What Exp HYG of straight line reversing or reversing left/right - explain? What sort of speed do you think you should reverse at? How do you keep a car moving at only 1mph? What dangers are associated with reversing?

Generally

LAW – you must not reverse further than absolutely necessary and you should not reverse onto a main carriageway, including off driveways	You may remove your seat belt for any manoeuvre that involves reversing but it must go back on immediately afterwards
Safety above all else	Never put the car where your eyes haven't been
Reasonable accuracy	You can be a maximum of 12 inches or a drain width from the kerb but no further
Keep the car slow e.g. walking pace – speed is your enemy	If a person or car <u>in the same road</u> is likely to pass near us within the next 5 seconds or so YOU MUST STOP
Whilst waiting for the other person to pass, start a 360 degree observation so you can move as soon as they pass	If you are stopped and the other vehicle also stops to allow you to proceed, carry on with your manoeuvre but don't rush
Remember to always POM when pulling away from stationary	Keeping the car moving unless you have to stop makes it easier to see the effect of steering inputs

The Technique

Drive passed turning on the left looking like you're going to turn left but don't indicate	Look into side road to see if there's the required 2 to 3 car lengths to reverse into
Once parallel with centre white line of road on the left, put a left indicator on if of benefit to others	Pull up on the left soon after the corner stone no further away than 12 inches – you could use the give way line as a substitute kerb to help you line up!
Secure vehicle and cancel any indicators	Into reverse to show reversing lights
POM and reverse in a straight line	Use straight line reversing observational technique
Once rear wheel is at or just before corner stone start steering left	Try to find an angle that matches the corner, you may need a full half turn to get you going, then fine adjustment
During corner reverse	Use straight line reversing observational technique but ignore crosshair and having to look back for 3 seconds – continual all round observation.
When you look at the left mirror, fix any steering errors before continuing to look around	If taking a while to fix, stop, 360 observation then carry on again
Try to match the angle of the corner, doesn't really matter if you go a little wide	Do not go so wide as to allow the car to cross centre white line
It's far easier and better to have a slow car but fast observation – it lets you check your left mirror more frequently!	Never allow the kerb to go behind the car
Straighten up when parallel with kerb and reverse for 2 to 3 car lengths (allow others to get to the left side of the road before the give way line)	Try and tidy up so you are reasonably close to the kerb then look back, stop and secure.

Offer Demo Drive

Practical Session

Lesson Recap

Explain the observational technique used for reversing
When would you stop the car?
If you stop, what must you do before moving off again?
How far back into a side road do you reverse for the left reverse?